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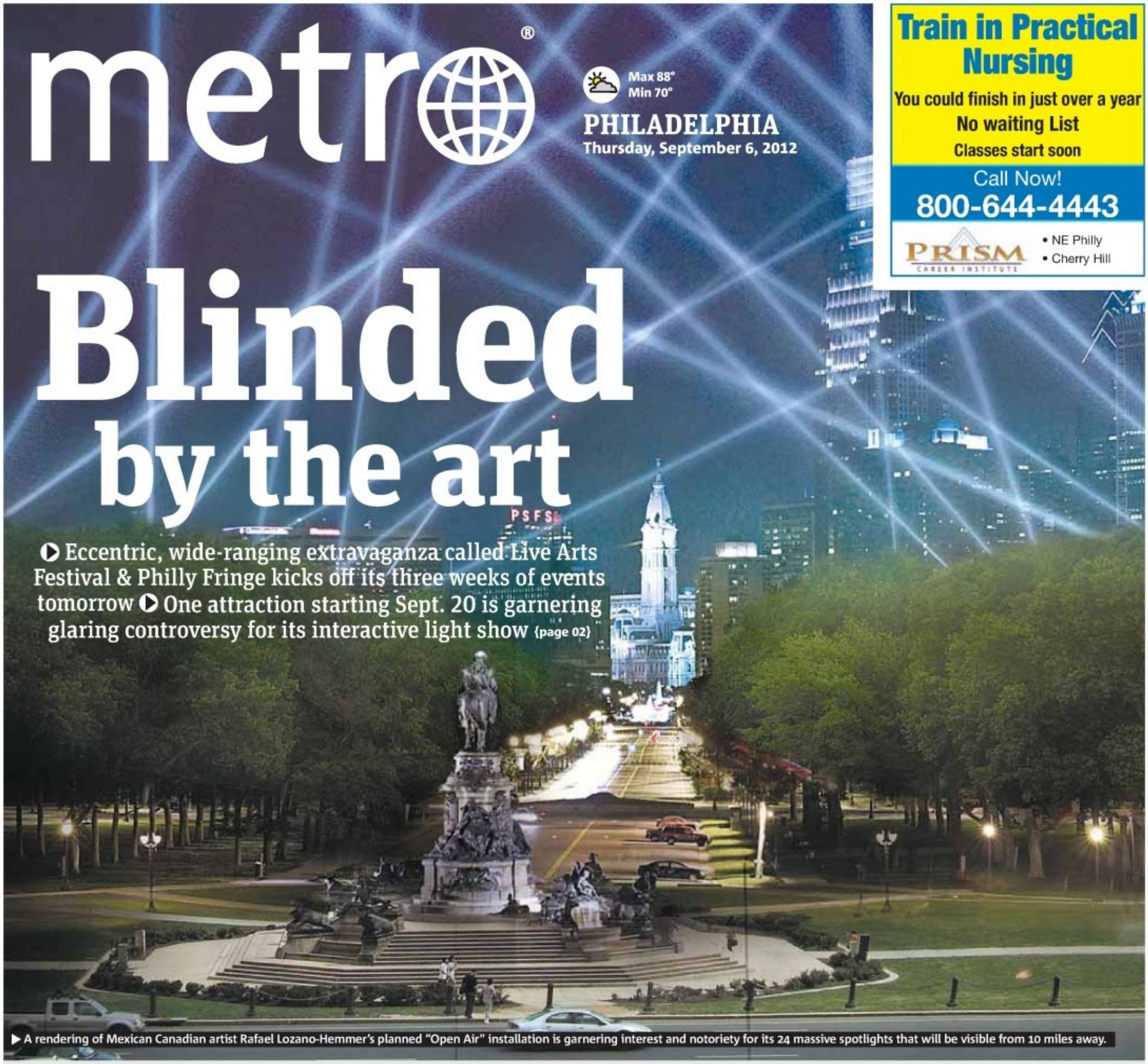
Blinded by the art

Eccentric, wide-ranging extravaganza called Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe kicks off its three weeks of events tomorrow ◐ One attraction starting Sept. 20 is garnering glaring controversy for its interactive light show {page 02}



▶ A rendering of Mexican Canadian artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer's planned "Open Air" installation is garnering interest and notoriety for its 24 massive spotlights that will be visible from 10 miles away.

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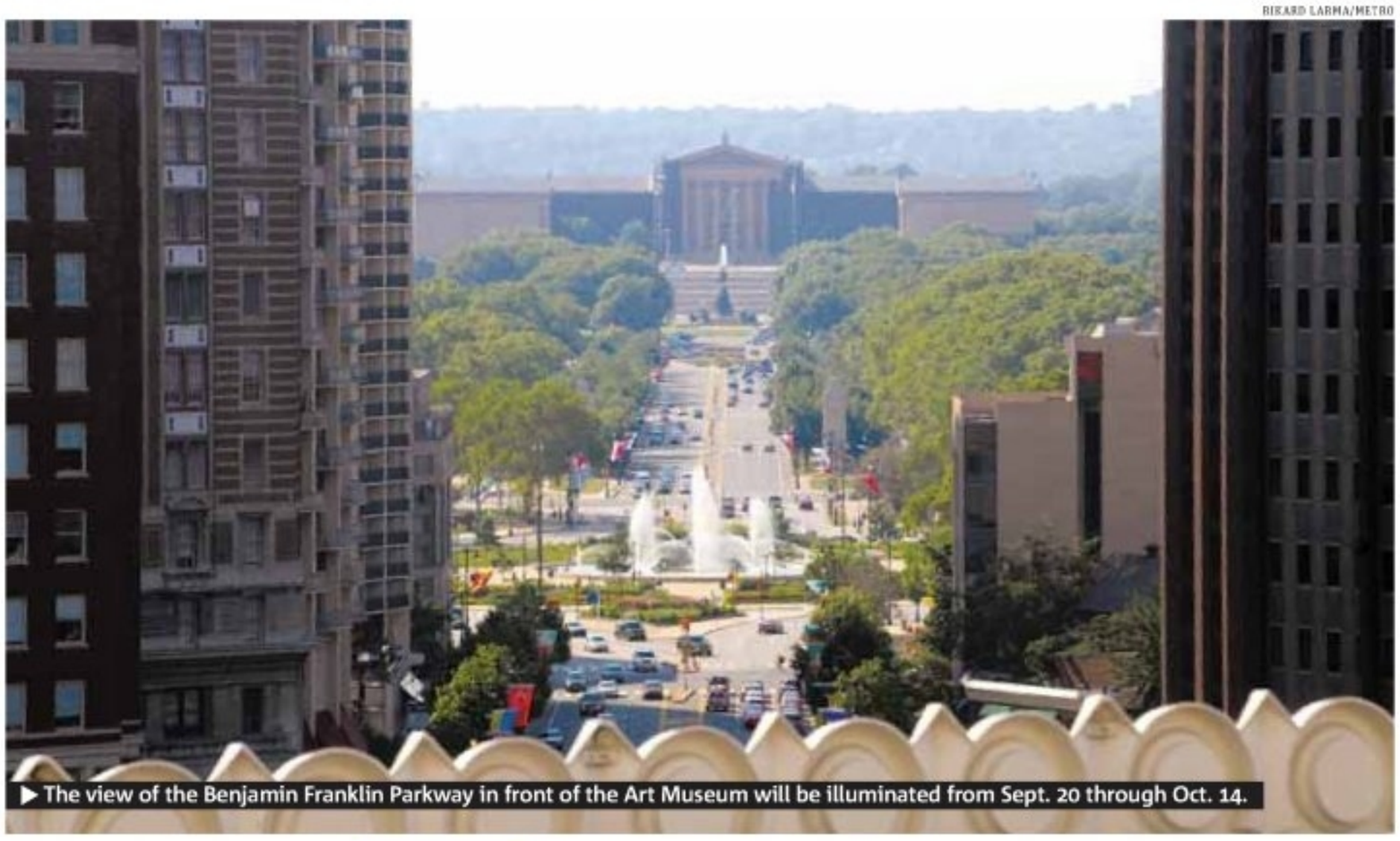
Parkway light show puts festival on map

Hundreds of events will be part of city's annual 'Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe,' one of biggest attractions of the year ● Exhibit near festival's conclusion already attracts controversy



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▶ The view of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in front of the Art Museum will be illuminated from Sept. 20 through Oct. 14.

In two weeks, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway will be illuminated nightly by 24 of the world's brightest robotic searchlights as part of "Open Air," an interactive exhibition commissioned by the Association for Public Art and part of the Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe.

The unique project is making waves among some in the environmental and public safety communities, who have raised light pollution-related health concerns and disruption to the flight paths of migratory birds and aircraft.

The light show comes during peak bird migration season, when over 250 species will traverse the area, according to Conservation Director of Pennsylvania Audubon Janet Starr.

"Open Air's light beams will reach higher than Philadelphia's buildings, thereby having the potential to impact many more birds," she said. "During the 'Open Air' light show, tens to hundreds of thousands of birds will be flying in the night skies over the Philadelphia region, and many of these birds may be distracted or trapped by the search lights sweeping Philadelphia's skyline during the show."

A Federal Aviation Administration official said the FAA approved the exhibition, but area flight carriers have not yet been alerted and he does not yet know whether the lights will disrupt their paths.

Deputy Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mark Focht said his department approved the project. "It's a potential hazard that could add risk could delay an emergency vehicle, possibly ground them, possibly much worse," said light blight advocate Audrey Fischer of One Star at a Time, a former air show pilot, citing photo renderings of the beams crisscrossing on every level from ground to sky.

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Quoted

"Bad lighting, which, sadly, is embodied by 'Open Air,' affects far more than the ability to see the stars clearly. Bad lighting in all its forms is a waste of energy, natural resources, and money. Ecosystems are affected as navigation systems and other biological processes of nocturnal animals are disrupted."

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Reclaiming public space with light

Penny Balken Bach, executive director of the Association for Public Art, said that the show will integrate blackout periods and possibly UV filters to help mitigate the impact on birds.

There will constantly be an engineer on-site.

"We were very anxious to create a public art project that would coincide with their efforts and we're also interested and involved in making the parkway a more creative pedestrian space," Bach said. "Over the years, it's turned more highway than parkway, so we're eager to see if we can find ways to really turn this space back to the people."

How it works

"Open Air Philly" is touted as using the largest and brightest spotlights ever, using 24 massive lights spread over a square mile along the Ben Franklin Parkway.

- The exhibition by artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer will stretch from 21st to 24th Streets on the parkway and the array will be visible from 10 miles away.
- It will be interactive, using submissions via website or a special app and transforming voice messages into a light show. The recordings will be played through a large public speaker and the searchlights will adjust in brightness and position in time with the frequency, intonation and volume of the user's voice.
- Those messages that are submitted through the app while the user is on the Parkway will be prioritized. The lights will fix on the person as their recording plays using a GPS locator built into the app. The messages on the website will be subject to user ratings, with the most highly rated recordings playing first. There is also a pre-recorded archive of messages from famous Philadelphians.
- While there will be a system in place for users to flag inappropriate recordings submitted through the website, there will be no monitoring system for those submitted on-site. However, those who submit live messages will be able to be identified by location and identity information sent out by their smartphone.
- There will be a Project Information Center at Eakins Oval with an app downloading center, free mobile loan stations and seating areas, plus a second information outpost at Sister Cities Park.

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In the news

Eagles go real green

The Philadelphia Eagles were named among the top sports franchises for sustainability in a new report by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Green Sports Alliance. The report documented innovative and cost-effective steps taken across all professional sports. It highlights the Eagles for installing the most extensive renewable system of any U.S. sports stadium, with an expected December completion.

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In the news

Expensive trip

Mayor Michael Nutter's trip to Charlotte, N.C., for the Democratic National Convention will come with a price tag for taxpayers that could reach up to $10,000. Expenses for two staff aides and three members of his security detail will come from public funds, the Inquirer reported. Nutter's spokesman said use of funds does not violate city ethics regulations.

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8% increase in drug and alcohol incidents reported in district schools last year

Mixed results in school crime stats

The number of Philadelphia public schools on the state's persistently dangerous list dropped by 40 percent, officials announced yesterday.

Six of the district's schools are now classified as persistently dangerous based on the number of violent incidents, down from 10 last year. Philadelphia is the only district in the state left with schools on the list.

A look at school crime appeared as a mixed bag in a district that shrunk by roughly 3,000 students last year.

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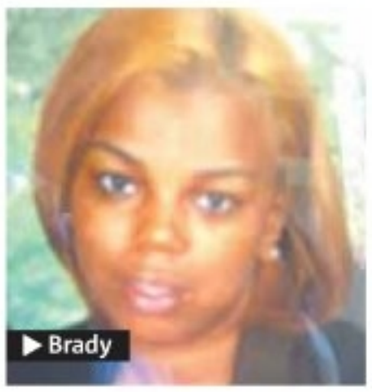
Two abductions, one intersection in West Philly

▶ Smith


▶ Brady

Police are investigating a bizarre incident in which a 2-year-old boy was kidnapped from his Upper Dublin home in Montgomery County and found alone at a West Philadelphia intersection six hours later.

Oddly, a 24-year-old woman, Carmen Brady, was allegedly abducted from a home at the same intersection last Wednesday by three armed men who witnesses said fled after stealing the family's car.

Investigators said they believed that incident to be drug-related, as the location is known to police for drug activity. However, police have not said if the two kidnappings are related.

Upper Dublin Deputy Chief Police Lee Benson said an Amber Alert for Tymire Dior Smith was canceled when the toddler was found about six hours later by a Philadelphia police officer at the intersection of North 66th Street and Malvern Avenue in Overbrook.

Pennsylvania State Police issued the alert around 10 p.m. Tuesday after the boy's father said he was abducted by three armed men who assaulted the father, snatched the child from his arms and fled. According to investigators, the father was unable to identify the assailants.

"[The child] was actually located, basically, not on the street but maybe on a sidewalk outside at about four in the morning," Benson said. "He was just left there. It's pretty bizarre."

Benson said he's not sure what led the officer to that location.

"I don't know the exact sequence of events — how the Philadelphia officer ended up there — but he did," he said.

Police in Upper Dublin and Philadelphia are working together to identify and arrest the three men who reportedly kidnapped the child.

"We're still working on that right now," Benson said. "It's still under investigation. It's really great the child was recovered, but that's only half of it. We'd like to find out who did it and why and try to make an arrest on that."

Three men were arrested in the Brady's abduction, but a spokeswoman for the city district attorney couldn't say whether charges were filed against the abduction suspects or who they are.

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Suspects still loose

The Amber Alert from Pennsylvania State Police stated that Tymire was abducted by three armed men who assaulted the boy's father, snatched the child from his arms and fled in a stolen dark-colored Chrysler 300 with a partial Pennsylvania registration of HYJ-6836.

According to investigators, the father was unable to identify the assailants after the attack in Upper Dublin. METRO/AW

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WEIRD RULES FOR SCHOOL

As students return to class across the country this week, we revisit an ever-evolving issue that has been part of the public-school dialogue for nearly a century: dress codes. Legally, schools have long had discretion to regulate speech and clothing where it substantially disrupts classroom activities. Non-legally, we've lost our minds.

At Wilson Elementary School in Oklahoma City, 5-year-old Cooper Barton wore his University of Michigan Wolverines T-shirt to his elementary school. The principal made him turn it inside out, citing a violation of the school's dress code. Indeed, district policy bars clothing bearing the names or emblems of any collegiate athletic teams. The policy behind the rule? Anti-gang violence. Let that sink in, because I'll come back to it in a minute.

Meanwhile, in neighboring Texas, Brazosport Independent School District is easing up on its dress code and allowing seventh- through 12th-grade males to have facial hair, earrings and hair past their shoulders, and for both genders to display visible tattoos. That's right: If your preteen got illegally tatted, now he can proudly display that gothic lettering on his forearm in algebra class. What does this tale of two schools tell us about our society?

The Oklahoma dress code: One of the central themes of public-school education is college preparation. Under OKC's dress policy, students can't wear the cardinal colors of Stanford University, but if they want to wear a bright-red Angry Birds T-shirt, then go right ahead. Naturally, Angry Birds is the more productive, positive influence, and it encourages kids to aim high in life. Wait, I got the two mixed up. This dress code sacrifices a lot of good to defend against a narrower potential evil. Sadly, I might prefer this scheme to the Texas dress code.

The Texas dress code: I'm so glad our schools are committed to letting our little snowflakes express their precious inner artists with earrings, facial hair and visible tattoos. Policies like those will ensure a fresh population of young adults focused less on education (no college T-shirts) and more on clever tribal symbols permanently etched on their biceps, or maybe Instagram photos of their new piercings. Because if there's one thing that's in short supply today in America, it's narcissistic, frustrated, unemployed young adults. Hey, at least that school dress code allowed them to express their individuality at an early age, right? The important thing is that our schools are focused on stamping out the greater evils, like a first-grader with a Notre Dame turtleneck. Heaven forbid. Mission (not) accomplished, America.

*— **Attorney Danny Cevallos**, of Philly-based Cevallos & Wong, also writes for Metro.us.*

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Home robberies strike during summer

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating three home robberies in which thieves have gained entry into homes by removing their front-door mail slots while the occupants are away on vacation.

The first incident happened on the 700 block of Rodman Street, a block north of South Street, in Society Hill. Police said that between July 2 and July 14, an unknown person removed the victim's front-door mail slot, pried open the front door and broke into the home. A second break-in occurred between Aug. 17 and Aug. 19 on the 2000 block of Kater Street, one block south of South Street. METRO/AW

Another member of 'La Costra' pleads guilty

CENTER CITY. An associate of Philadelphia's notorious La Costra Nostra pleaded guilty to racketeering charges, marking the third guilty plea ahead of an October trial.

Louis Barretta, 48, of Philadelphia, entered the plea this morning before federal judge Eduardo Robreno. He admitted to being a bookie and a debt collector. Prosecutors described Barretta as an associate, but not a member of the alleged organized crime family.

Barretta was among 14 people charged with the organization in an indictment last month, including reputed mob boss Joseph "Uncle Joe" Ligambi and underboss Joseph Massimino. METRO/SDL

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▶ A vacuum hits Time Warner Cable Arena's rug.

Storms force big Obama speech into indoor arena

Forecasts of thunderstorms put a crimp on President Barack Obama's nomination party, forcing Democrats to move his planned acceptance speech from a 74,000-seat outdoor football stadium to a much smaller indoor venue.

The shift to the Time Warner Cable Arena was a setback for Obama, who hoped to create a visual spectacle in Charlotte's Bank of America stadium tomorrow to rival his 2008 acceptance speech in a football stadium in Denver.

It was a letdown for tens of thousands of Obama supporters from around the country who had been given tickets to the biggest speech in his campaign for the Nov. 6 election.

Weather forecasters predicted a chance of thunderstorms tonight in Charlotte, which has experienced heavy evening rains for the last few days.

Obama volunteers Honora Price and Gayle Fleming were leaving Arlington, Va., to drive to Charlotte when they saw a television news ticker announcing the venue change.

"Will I be disappointed? Of course I'll be disappointed. But I've seen Obama a lot of times. So we'll be in Charlotte and we'll make the best of it," Fleming said. **REUTERS**

Michelle Obama sets Twittersphere ablaze with speech

Michelle Obama wowed Americans with an emotional speech at the Democratic National Convention that set the Twitterverse alight with gushing praise and boosted husband Barack's social media standing as he makes his bid to stay in the White House.

Early TV viewing figures showed that the audience for the first lady's address was about 11.1 million on the three network TV stations. That was in line with those who tuned in last week to hear Ann Romney speak about her husband, Mitt Romney. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Sandusky case costs Penn State nearly $17 million

COLLEGE STATION, PA. Penn State University has paid out almost $17 million to cover legal bills, public relations fees and other costs related to the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, the university said on its website on Tuesday.

Nearly $16.8 million in costs through June 30 were broken down as almost $10 million for internal investigations and crisis communications, close to $4 million for university legal services and defense, and nearly $1.2 million in other expenses. **REUTERS**

Isaac washes thousands of dead rats onto beaches

TUPELO, MISS. Tens of thousands of rats killed by Hurricane Isaac have washed up onto the beaches of Mississippi and created a foul-smelling mess that officials say will take days to clean up.

When the hurricane lifted the tides, the water washed across the marshy areas in Louisiana where the semi-aquatic rats live and forced them to ride the waves into Mississippi until they succumbed to exhaustion and drowned, said David Yarborough, a supervisor for Hancock County.

The tides then deposited their bodies on the Mississippi shoreline, he said.

About 16,000 rodents have been collected in Hancock County. **REUTERS**

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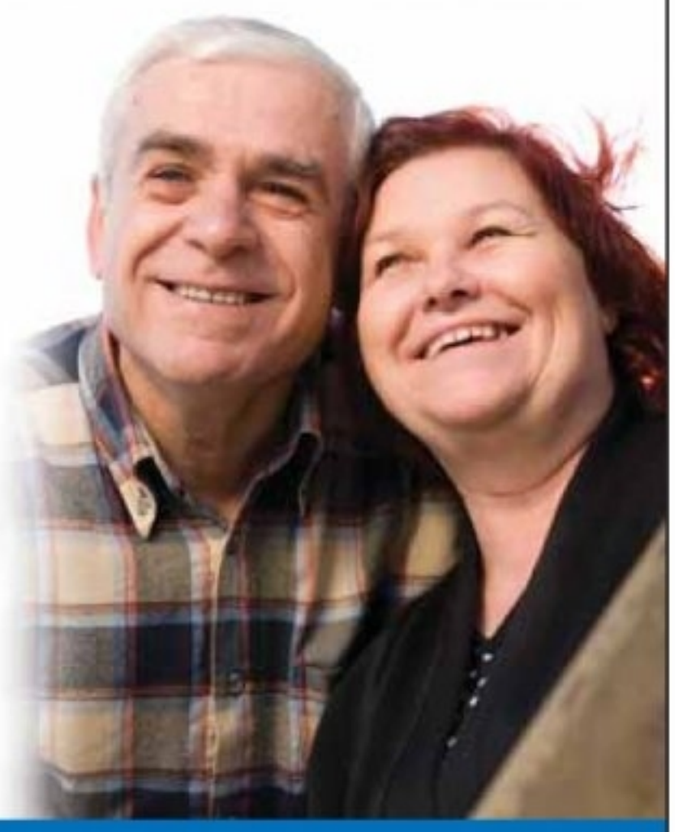

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Latest Lumia unveiled but lack of 'wow' hurts shares

Nokia and Microsoft Corp. took the wraps off their most powerful smartphone on Wednesday — but the new Lumia failed to impress investors, and shares of Nokia, which once dominated the cell phone market, plummeted 13 percent.

The Finnish company showcased the device yesterday in what may be their last major shot at reclaiming a market lost to Apple, Samsung and Google.

Microsoft and Nokia hope the new Lumia — sporting a bigger screen and cutting-edge camera technology — will become a potent weapon in an escalating global mobile industry war, but investors said it lacked "wow" and gave it a quick thumbs-down. Some analysts said Nokia's reticence on dates and prices did not help.

"People were looking for something that would dazzle. Most investors will view it as evolutionary, not revolutionary."
RBC ANALYST MARK SUE

Nokia's Helsinki shares began sliding midway through the New York launch and ended down 13 percent at 1.99 euros, logging their biggest single-day loss since June. Nokia's U.S.-listed stock was down almost 10 percent to $2.55.

"The challenge is that the world is working on the 4th, 5th and 6th editions of their devices while Nokia is still trying to move from chapter 1. It still has quite a bit to catch up," said RBC analyst Mark Sue. **REUTERS**

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▶ The Lumia 920 and Lumia 820 run on the latest Windows Phone operating software, which Microsoft hopes will rival Apple's iOS and Google's Android to become a third mobile platform.

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▶ Mark Zuckerberg

Zuckerberg promises not to sell Facebook stock for at least a year

Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg, faced with a plummeting stock price and deluge of shares hitting the market, said he won't start selling his holdings in the company for at least a year.

Zuckerberg has yet to adopt a share sale plan, the Menlo Park, Calif.-based company said yesterday in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Typically, insiders use plans to pare their stakes over time to avoid flooding the market. Zuckerberg owns 444 million shares of Class B stock and 60 million shares issuable upon the exercise of an option. Facebook's stock gained the most in two weeks.

Facebook's shares have been marking record lows since the first share sale lock-up for insiders expired in August. **REUTERS**

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THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Today's Word was written by Pat Healy, with additional reporting by Heidi Patalano.

West is well aware of his girlfriend's roots

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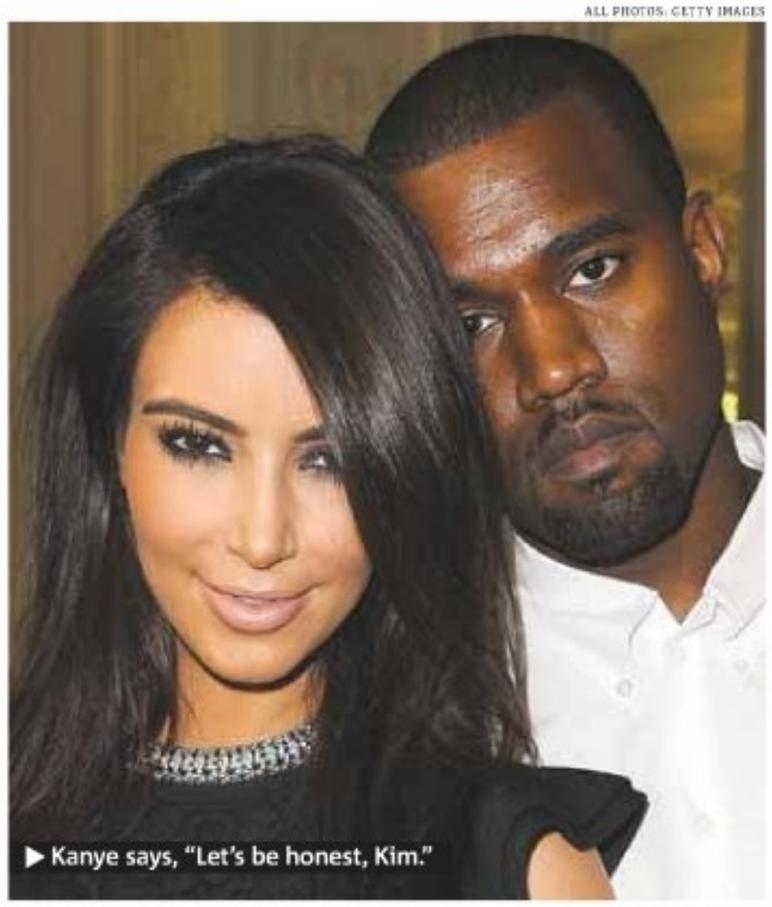

▶ Kanye says, "Let's be honest, Kim."

We've slagged **Kanye West** in this column before, and we've certainly slagged **Kim Kardashian** here, too. And when it comes to Kanye and Kim as a couple, well, we've really never said a single positive thing about them. But that is about to change! See, the biggest gripe we've had with Kim was that she was undeservedly famous, since she never exhibited any real talent — at least no talent that anybody could explain in a family-appropriate way. She co-starred in a sex tape and then all of a sudden, she and her entire family are all reality TV superstars.

So our real issue with the couple has always been that Kanye, imperfect **Taylor Swift**-hater that he is, could do better than a Kardashian. But in a new song from the rapper's "Cruel Summer" compilation, Kanye is brutally honest about his mate. "My girl a superstar, all from a home movie," he raps on the track "Clique," an excerpt of which was made available by TMZ.

We'd gladly quote more lyrics, but all that currently seems to appear online are YouTube decoys, videos posted by aspiring rappers who have tagged their tracks as "Kanye West — Clique."

But that's not the way to get famous! The sex tape and reality TV show are supposed to come before you try riding the coattails of one of the greatest rappers ever. And then you'll wind up in one of his songs!

You belong with me?

Speaking of **Taylor Swift** and couples that confuse us, the "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" singer is scheduled to perform at the MTV Video Music Awards tonight, but **Conor Kennedy**, the boyfriend she bought a house near in Hyannis Port, Mass., might not be able to accompany her. The reason: It's his first day of his junior year ... of HIGH SCHOOL! The 18-year-old son of Robert Kennedy Jr., Conor will have to watch Taylor on TV like the rest of us. The difference is that Taylor Swift didn't buy a house right next to where our parents live.

No one's judging: The 'American Idol' panel looks a little empty

Mariah Carey

With only **Mariah Carey** officially signed on to be a judge, the producers of "American Idol" are in a frenzied search to lock down the rest of the panel, according to TMZ. On-air auditions for contestants begin in New York in two weeks, and so far the show has failed to work out a final deal with potential judges **Nicki Minaj** and **Keith Urban**. Longtime judge **Randy Jackson** is also reportedly out. At this rate, they might have to lower their standards a bit. **Kim Kardashian** and **Conor Kennedy** would probably be interested.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jessica Simpson is a little behind when it comes to TV, Joseph Gordon-Levitt is looking to laugh, Lady Gaga feels taken advantage of, and Albert Brooks is taking stock.

@JessicaSimpson
24 is my new treadmill show!! How have I not watched this show before now?!?! Jack Bauer is my hero!

@hitRECordJoe
Anyone know any good jokes?

@ladygaga
MAJORLY trolled by a fan tonight who lured me with a heart sign, i then ran around the entire catwalk w it, + the back actually said "HIGH"

@AlbertBrooks
Are you better off than you were 4 years ago? Physically? No way.

Jessica Simpson

Talking points

Spears made the first move on fiance

Britney Spears and fiance **Jason Trawick** are opening up for the first time about how their relationship went from professional to personal — sort of. The couple sat down for an interview with Elle magazine, and Trawick insists Spears made the first move. "It was kind of one of those things where she moved, like, turned around, so we were face-to-face and then ... " Trawick says before Spears cuts him off with, "OK, that's enough information, sweetie. It was sweet, just say that."

Trawick and Spears

Simpson is an 'everyday woman'

Jessica Simpson is learning a thing or two about how hard it is to get rid of her baby weight. "I let myself indulge in everything I wanted because it was the first time I was ever pregnant, and I wanted to enjoy it," Simpson tells USA Today. "I didn't realize [the weight] didn't all come off with the baby." Still, Simpson says she's trying — and doesn't appreciate being judged by the standards of other famous women. "My body is not bouncing back like a supermodel," says Simpson. "I'm just your everyday woman who is trying to feel good and be healthy for her daughter, her fiance and herself."

Beyonce's low-key birthday (on a yacht)

Beyonce celebrated her 31st birthday aboard a private yacht on the Mediterranean off the South of France, according to Us Weekly. Rather than go for a lavish party, the singer enjoyed time with her husband, **Jay-Z**, and their 9-month-old daughter, **Blue Ivy**.

▶ Beyonce celebrated her birthday with Jay-Z in style, natch.

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Fly guys, a nerd and a grown-up Disney kid

1. Kaley Cuoco of "The Big Bang Theory" keeps it nerdy off the clock. She spent the holiday weekend at Universal Orlando with Spidey.

2. James Franco surfaced on the red carpet at the Venice Film Festival premiere of his latest, "Spring Breakers," yesterday.

3. "Parks and Rec" star **Aziz Ansari** hit up the Moet & Chandon Suite at the U.S. Open on Tuesday for a little champagne. Or, as Tom Haverford would say, fizzy grapes.

4. Also at the "Spring Breakers" premiere: **Vanessa Hudgens**, looking alarmingly demure for a former Disney star.

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10 REASONS TO GO TO THE MOVIES

2 'The Cold Light of Day'
A Wall Street man's family gets kidnapped while on vacation in Spain, and suddenly a group of shadowy intelligence agents come after him in search of a valuable briefcase.

3 'Lawless'
Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jessica Chastain star in this gritty Prohibition-era yarn about a trio of brothers who dominate their county's bootlegging business until a nasty new deputy (Guy Pearce) comes to put a bloody end to their moonshining ways.

4 'The Possession'
Catholics have been exorcising demons for the big screen pretty regularly since "The Exorcist," but now Jewish people get the chance to expel an evil spirit from an innocent young girl who becomes obsessed with a box that contains a dibbuk — a dislocated spirit that inhabits and ultimately devours its human host.

JONATHAN WENK

▶ Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana get googly-eyed in "The Words."

Must-see

1 'The Words'
Bradley Cooper stars as a struggling author who finally writes a best-selling book. But when it becomes apparent that he'd stolen the story from another man, he must face the consequences of his blind ambition.

5 'Premium Rush'
Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as a bike messenger who finds he's carrying a package that everyone seems to want.

6 'The Apparition'
"Twilight" star Ashley Greene plays a student who proves that the mind can conjure a ghost.

7 'Hit and Run'
Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in this film about a reformed criminal whose bank-robbing buddies return to settle a debt.

8 'The Expendables 2'
Sylvester Stallone once again leads an all-star cast of some of the biggest action stars around in this testosterone-fueled romp about a group of tough-as-nails mercenaries.

9 'ParaNorman'
In the tradition of quirky children's films comes "ParaNorman," a stop-motion flick about a boy who is tasked with saving his town from an undead uprising.

10 'Sparkle'
This film stars Whitney Houston — in her last performance on the big screen — as Emma, a single mother raising Sparkle (Jordin Sparks) and two other daughters who dream of stardom.

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MAN BEHIND THE MOONSHINE

Musician, author, screenwriter and all-around legendary arty guy Nick Cave adapted 'The Wettest County in the World' for old pal, director John Hillcoat ● Why the Velvet Underground and Prohibition make sense together

While his main vocation is still music, Nick Cave admits he's more than happy to write a screenplay whenever director John Hillcoat asks him to. The latest request from Hillcoat? Adapting Matt Bondurant's book "The Wettest County in the World" — about Bondurant's grandfather and great-uncles running a thriving moonshining operation during Prohibition — into the film "Lawless." Cave also got to take a crack at the music for the film — as he's often done for Hillcoat, most recently for 2009's "The Road." For "Lawless," he found some unusual inspiration in the Velvet Underground.

▶ Nick Cave

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How did you feel about changing the title from "The Wettest County in the World" to "Lawless"?

Matt's title — this is what I'm told — didn't translate into other countries. Look, I didn't have anything to do with that. It was a decision that was made closer to when it came out. There's been various reasons why. Foreign territories couldn't translate it effectively, so the film would then have a bunch of different names, and that was not good for the film. I've heard that it sounded like a porn film, "The Wettest County." But at the end of the day, I think probably "The Wettest County in the World" was just too lyrical to drag in the youth market.

But you're happy with the new title?

Um … yeah, sure. [Laughs]

When you're adapting from a book, do you worry you're not putting enough of yourself in?

I don't have those worries at all. [Laughs] I come to screenwriting in a different way. First of all — and I'm not saying this in some kind of humble way — I'm really coming in it in that John Hillcoat, my dear friend, asked me to do something, and I can do this stuff fast and relatively easily. The dialogue is so good in the book, we used as much of it as we could. And any other dialogue is really imitating the dialogue from the book anyway. But I think sometimes it's good to bring somebody other than the actual writer of the book, that they just have a sense of removal from the story and can be relatively ruthless in their decisions about the story and characters.

Were Tom Hardy's vocal tics in the script?

You can't write that stuff. No, that was all Tom. He's great. I mean, the film's a great film and all of that stuff, but for me Tom's performance kind of elevates this film into something really special because of the way he interprets that character. I mean, everyone acts beautifully in the film, but nobody acts quite so bizarrely as Tom does.

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Q&A

Where did the idea come from to include period versions of more modern songs, like with the Velvet Underground?

I'm not really sure. Initially we were looking at songs of the time, obviously. But I just personally felt that had been done a lot and had been done really well, like "O Brother Where Art Thou." I didn't want to be chasing that kind of thing. So the time started to shift a little bit. … And then, "F— it, let's take something from way over there and see what that's like, and then kind of replay it in a sort of attempt to capture that kind of spirit of that time." But you know, something like "White Light, White Heat" already sounds very much fitted to the time anyway on some level — there's a sort of boxiness to the way it's recorded. I think that was the first one, and once we had that we went, "OK, that's what we're doing," so the whole field was open. Modern music is still bashing on about the same sort of thing, you know? The pleasures of indulging in illegal substances.

"Modern music is still bashing on about the same sort of thing, you know? The pleasures of indulging in illegal substances."
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TV watch list

2012 MTV Video Music Awards

SPECIAL. Comedian Kevin Hart hosts MTV's biggest party of the year, set to feature new music by performers Green Day and Pink and an unofficial competition between nominees Justin Bieber and One Direction to see whose young fans (and their moms) scream the loudest. 8 p.m., MTV

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▶ Green Day, with host Kevin Hart (second from right), will perform at the VMAs, despite frontman Billie Joe Armstrong's (second from left) recent hospitalization.

'Rookie Blue'

DRAMA. The officers of 15 Division track a violent child abductor who escaped an emergency hospital visit and has taken another victim.
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YOUNG BLOOD

New Paradise Laboratories recruited a fresh crew for its latest Live Arts show, a look at young rockers in a too-soon afterlife

MATT SAUNDERS

▶ New Paradise Laboratories' "27" runs Sept. 5-16 at Plays & Players Theatre. For tickets, visit www.livearts-fringe.org.

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Director Whit MacLaughlin has attempted to teach a cast of newbies the NPL way in just three short months.

"There's something to be said for being careful and letting things settle. But there's also something to be said for flash floods."
MACLAUGHLIN

"This is old-school, the way we used to do it," says MacLaughlin. "There's something to be said for being careful and letting things settle. But there's also something to be said for flash floods."

The play takes place in the afterlife, as a group of recently deceased young rockers — members of the infamous "27 club" who died before reaching the age of 28 — grapple with their new surroundings.

"Around 27 you've got your backpack on, and you're trying to figure out what you need to carry forward and what you're going to leave behind," says MacLaughlin. "I'm not sure this piece has much wisdom to impart about that, except a sort of appreciation of [young artists'] brilliance, and an anxiety about the passage of time. We can all relate to that."

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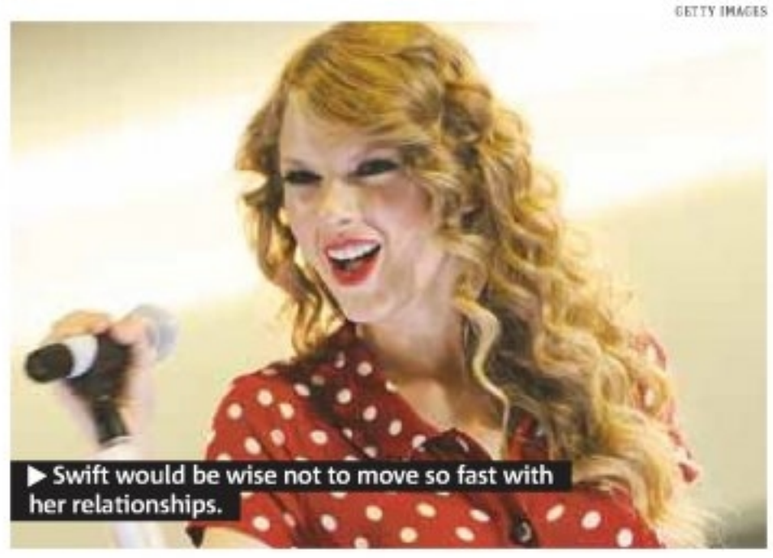

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▶ Swift would be wise not to move so fast with her relationships.

Shrink wrap

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Superstar Taylor Swift and boyfriend Conor Kennedy hadn't been dating long when he took her to a family wedding in August, despite reported requests that she not go because some worried Swift's presence would take away from the bride's attention. That's a problem most of us don't have to worry about, but it does raise the question: When is it a good time to meet your new flame's family? And is it really ever a good idea to attend a big family event so early in a relationship?

Sometimes the timing can't be helped. You have been dating for a few weeks and his sister just happens to be getting married next week. Or it's his older brother's birthday bash and everyone will be there. On the one hand, it can feel flattering that your new partner seems to be so into you that they want to bring you to a big family party and meet the important people in their lives. On the other hand, you might be walking right into a judgment fest where, if you haven't established your own strong connection yet, your newly significant other might be too easily swayed away from you should his or her family suggest you aren't the right match.

Think of it as building a good fire. Sometimes the top takes off right away, burning high. But if there isn't a hot, smoldering base, that fast fire can quickly fizzle out. Take the time to establish a foundation before opening yourself up to any possible criticism. If you are asked to that wedding or birthday celebration early on, you can politely decline — but add that you would love to go to the next occasion. That will give you a chance to build a solid relationship. When you do meet the family, you are already an item and your new partner can better withstand any negative comments that might come your way.

Swift and Kennedy didn't choose this path, but jumped right in. Only time will tell if their foundation will be strong enough to sustain them.

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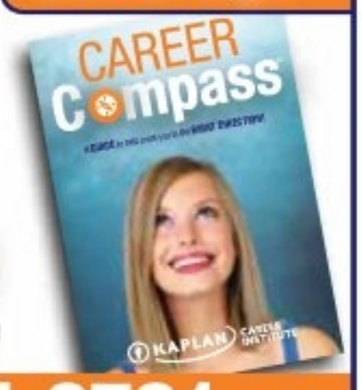

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Sex sells ... votes?

There is a bit of sex in the political campaigns, but certain areas are unclear. To dispel any confusion, I want to point out that besides not opposing same-sex marriage, Democrats also favor good-sex and lots-of-sex marriage. Republicans oppose women's reproductive rights, but are in favor of bad-sex and no-sex marriage.
PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA

Knowing the right's question is half the political battle

RE: "GOP UNVEILS NEW ATTACKS" (METRO, SEPT. 5) Rather than, "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" we should be asking, "Are you better off than you would have been, had we signed on to four more years of Bush/Cheney/McCain/Palin?" (Yikes — it's easy to forget how close we came to having that walking joke a heartbeat away from the presidency!) It's the Republicans who created the sinking ship that Barack Obama inherited. It's clear to me that our lives would be far worse today if we'd left that party in control. And now people are seriously considering handing them the keys to the treasury all over again?
RICHARD FEINBERG, VIA E-MAIL

No divine 'ex nihilo' from Republicans

In reading the letters from Romney defenders, it struck me that if you strip away all the hyperbole, strawmen, ad hominems and other logical fallacies, all the debunked talking points, half-truths and cherry-picked factoids, you will not find one single argument in favor of their "team." Not one action, not one substantial piece of legislation, not one thing that has benefitted the average working family. These people aren't pro-Romney so much as they are anti-Obama, and as Will Rogers once said, "You can't beat somethin' with nothin'."
ERIC BLOCK, VIA E-MAIL

All you need is love — and society, too

Throughout recorded history, marriage has been used to exchange property, subjugate conquered populations and to exert control over the "weaker" sex. Those who disagree with marriage equality are idolaters, the way they place such importance on the institution and not the people who make up a marriage. Our society recognizes the benefits in granting loving couples a monetary, societal and spiritual bedrock on which to build a family. Study after study regarding the raising of children and the societal impact of a same-sex marriage come to one conclusion. Sexuality doesn't matter!
LEONARD JONES, VIA E-MAIL

No love for little book of secrets

RE: "NAVY SEAL'S NEW BID LADEN BOOK OUTSELLS '50 SHADES' ONLINE" (METRO, SEPT. 4) Who gives a rat's a— how bin Laden died! Whether he poked his head out of a door or was standing in the way of harpoons, the fact is that we have taken down one less evil person in this world. What is "Mark Owen" gaining by releasing this book? Is it an attack on the SEALs? If so he can suck it, because the SEALs did what they were supposed to do.
ASHLEY ALLARD, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** When in charge, asking nicely will be much more effective than issuing forceful commands. If you want to attract everyone's attention and support, speak softly.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Should a friend display a little favoritism toward you, keep it to yourself and don't broadcast all the special perks that you're getting.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A crucial decision will turn out well if it's predicated upon selflessness. Think of others and how your actions affect them before you make a move.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Devote some time to a labor of love, and it will be a very productive day for you. A purposeful attitude will bring great rewards.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You're apt to be extremely fortunate in a partnership arrangement, especially if your cohort is a member of the opposite sex. Don't take such luck for granted.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** This is an excellent day to begin working on those artistic changes that you've wanted to make around your home or office. Do it now, while you're in a creative mood.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Someone who likes you is currently making some very pleasant plans of a social nature in which you play a prominent role. Act surprised.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Through the efforts of someone who has been looking after you for some time, you'll finally get something that you've been wanting for a long time. Show your appreciation.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Charm, wit, humor and tact will be the tools you'll use to successfully win over a number of admirers. The more relaxed you are, the easier it will be to enjoy the limelight.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't be reluctant to request a favor from someone who can help you with a confidential matter. There isn't any reason why this person wouldn't be responsive.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because the last thing you'll want is to be a loner, make it a point to plan some type of activity that involves others. You could spend many happy hours with friends.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you want to be a good leader and not just someone giving orders, be genuinely concerned about everyone who's in your care. Having the right attitude will arouse the support that you need and crave.
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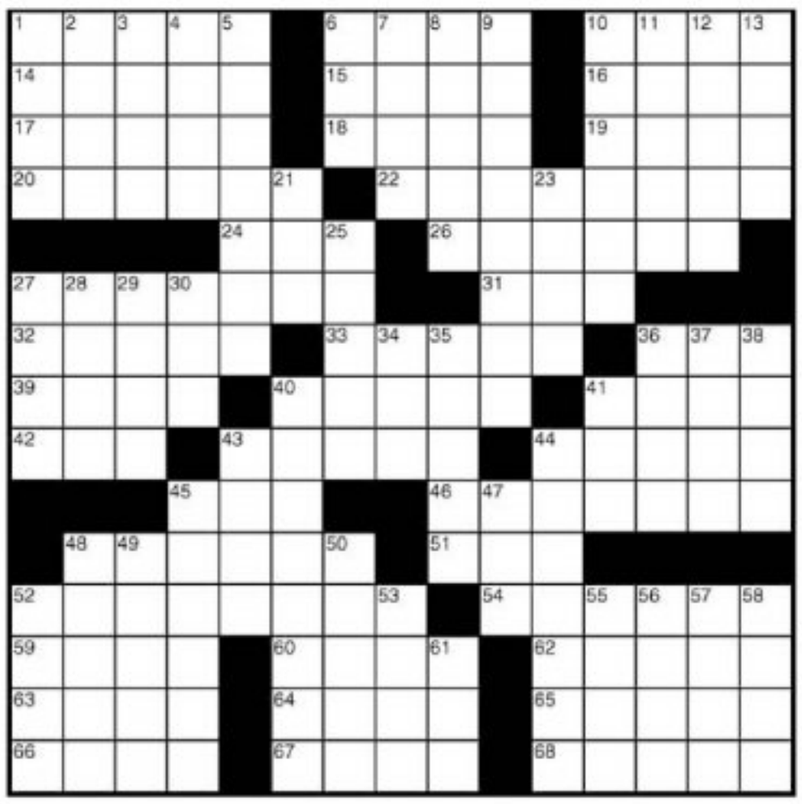

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Vick: 'I'm 100 percent' for the opener

The largest crowd yesterday was reserved for Mike Vick's locker. The Eagles starter has actually moved stalls, taking over the one vacated by former quarterback Mike Kafka.

Obviously, the questions all centered around Vick's health. He looked good, no noticeable hitch in his step, and tried to ease everyone's fears about him missing the opener. Again, he took all the first-team reps in practice

"I feel like I'm 100 percent, and I don't really have any nagging injuries," Vick said. "I think I'm fully recovered. The last two weeks have really helped me get there."

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Vick reiterated that the fact that he took just 12 total snaps in the preseason won't put him at any disadvantage.

"I wish I could have been out there in the preseason, but I just couldn't make it. I'll be ready to go Week 1."

In fact, coach Andy Reid offered that the extra rest might help the oft-injured star.

"You guys have been out here watching and he's humming it and he feels good," Reid said. METRO/MG

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Eagles rooks bracing for big impact in Cleveland

Cox not letting emotions get best of him • Leaning on Jenkins for tips, advice before opener • Meanwhile, Curry just trying to get on the field

Cullen Jenkins remembers his first NFL game. He was unexpectedly called into action after a teammate went down, under the bright lights on Monday Night Football.

Making it more intense, Jenkins was playing against his brother Kris. (For the record, Cullen's Packers beat Kris' Panthers.)

"I was thrown right into the fire," Jenkins said. "I just went in there and carried over everything I had worked on and you have to keep that same attitude you had in college, where you expect to do well."

Several of Cullen's teammates will be in a similar position Sunday in Cleveland. The Eagles have 10 rookies on the 53-man roster, and at least four of them are expected to see extended action.

First-round pick Fletcher Cox, a player Jenkins compared to Richard Seymour, comes in with the most hype. Defensive line coach Jim Washburn will lean heavily on the speed-rushing hybrid in his Wide-9 rotation.

"He's alive, with his size, his explosiveness," Jenkins said. "He's getting smarter and as far as football IQ goes, I think he's getting better every day. I think Fletcher will have a big year for us."

Cox said he talks to Jenkins all the time, trying to pick the veteran's brain for anything little that may help him out.

"He [Jenkins] gave me a heads-up on something he does, and that's to set a daily goal, and that's something that I've been doing," Cox said. "I took that from him. I set a daily goal, therefore you don't dread things. You just take that daily goal and work on it each day."

But Cox admitted that the reality of playing in his first NFL game might start to set in by the end of the week.

"My main focus today is to get practice in and go out and attack," he said. "Emotions? Maybe later in the week."

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▶ Cox, shown here in preseason action against Pittsburgh, predicted 5-6 sacks for himself.

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Avant challenges commish

With no labor agreement in place, Week 1 will begin with replacement refs controlling the action.

It seems contradictory to commissioner Roger Goodell's tough stance on safety — and some players expressed that exact sentiment.

"Our commissioner is all about player safety, and a deal not being done, there's a definite compromise, kind of an oxymoron, when it comes to player safety, with the refs not being there," receiver Jason Avant said yesterday. "A lot of guys are kind of concerned about it."

Cullen Jenkins also expressed concern about the officials, but bit his tongue, fearing "a letter from the league office."

Coach Andy Reid gave the replacement refs a vote of confidence, but also admitted that they'd be "under the gun."

"People are asking about them and watching them probably more than any official has been in the past," Reid told reporters. "The media is greater than the last time there was this situation, so I'm sure they'll be under the cameras' eye." METRO/MG

Curry in high spirits, chance he sits Week 1

Vinny Curry looks to be the odd man out of Jim Washburn's rotation this weekend. And even though many of his fellow rookie classmates look to play integral parts, Curry isn't putting his head down.

"Rookies are close, so we all talk about goals and things like that, so those guys are definitely ready," Curry said. "I'm happy for them and I'm also happy for myself. I'm going to continue to work, whether active or inactive, continue to work and help my team out. At the end of the day, it's not about me. It's about us all chasing that Lombardi Trophy."

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Curry could provide some interesting scouting insight for the Birds. He actually played against — and sacked — Browns rookie quarterback Brandon Weeden in the Senior Bowl.

"He was a good dude, real good guy," Curry said. "He's a good quarterback. Good arm, accurate, real smart quarterback. Should be fun Sunday."

As far as nerves, he got them all out in the first preseason game.

"That part of the phase happened already against Pittsburgh." METRO/MG

Brain food

Study: NFL stars are prone to brain problems

A study published in the journal Neurology yesterday showed that NFL players were unusually prone to dying from degenerative brain disease.

It showed football players were three times as likely to develop Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and/or Lou Gehrig's disease.

The study focused on 3,400 players with at least five years of NFL service.

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NFL news

Chief split

The Chiefs released their Week 1 depth chart Wednesday. **Jamaal Charles** and **Peyton Hillis** were listed as co-starters. It's another sign that the Chiefs are planning on a relatively even split, with Hillis getting most of the red-zone work. He has standalone RB2 value.

WEEK 1: WHAT TO WATCH

Christmas morning, the last day of school and the premiere of the new Selena Gomez movie are all great moments in life. But nothing can top Sunday.

After eight months of waiting, we'll finally have a full slate of NFL action to feast on. Don't just be a couch potato, though. We have some serious evaluations to make.

Target monsters

We can learn a lot simply by examining the first read on pass plays. For example, Matt Ryan threw 22 passes to Julio Jones in the preseason and just 12 to Roddy White. Will that continue? Will Aaron Rodgers start shading more toward Jordy Nelson over Greg Jennings? Targets say a lot, even in a small sample size.

CJ: Whatever, K?

Chris Johnson blamed last year's disaster on his monthlong holdout. The truth is that he was also dogging it at points and never really got in shape. Owners should be scrutinizing his effort level and burst in Sunday's game against the Patriots.

Rookie arms

An unprecedented five rookie quarterbacks will start in Week 1. It usually means a hands-off approach in fantasy, but there's some upside to be found here. Andrew Luck looked NFL-ready in the preseason, throwing for 514 yards and three touchdowns while completing 62.5 percent of his passes. Robert Griffin III has even more potential thanks to his scrambling and bootleg ability. Russell Wilson is squarely on the QB2 radar after earning the starting gig in Seattle.

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▶ Chris Johnson's effort level is key to a bounce-back campaign.

NFL pickups

Austin Collie

▶ **WR, Colts**
Collie (concussions) is practicing in full and expected to start Sunday. He'll be an every-down wideout.

Ronnie Brown

▶ **RB, Chargers**
Norv Turner loves to ride feature backs hard. While Mathews is out, Brown will be the man.

Robert Turbin

▶ **RB, Seahawks**
Marshawn Lynch's back woes are starting to border on chronic. Turbin is a talented and powerful backup.

Injuries

1

Rashard, Mendenhall, RB, PIT — Mendy is well ahead of schedule in his ACL rehab. He could end up as the starter by Week 2 or 3, making him well worth a roster stash.

2

Ryan Mathews, RB, SD — The Chargers will probably hold Mathews out of Week 1, but they'll unleash him as an every-down workhorse shortly. He has top-5 upside.

3

Adrian Peterson, RB, MIN — If Peterson does suit up this week, he'll have an extremely small role. Expect something around 20 touches Sunday for backup Toby Gerhart.

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▶ Jones is worth tons and tons of money.

Cowboys' most valuable NFL franchise

Two billion dollars is the total net worth of that hideous blue star.

The Dallas Cowboys are worth $2.1 billion, according to Forbes Magazine, which makes them the NFL's first franchise valued that high. The number factors in sponsorships and merchandise.

Owner Jerry Jones bought the Cowboys for $140 million in 1989, meaning the master businessman has turned a 715-percent increase.

Meanwhile, the hometown Eagles ranked No. 7, worth a reported $1.26 billion. That's up 8 percent from last season. The Patriots, Redskins, Giants, Texans and Jets rounded out the top seven, in that order.

The Jaguars ranked dead last at $770 million, and the Bengals were the only team that lost value from 2011. METRO

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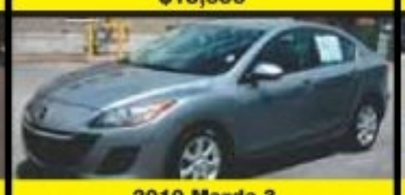
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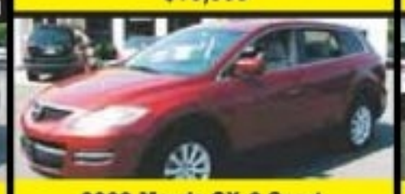
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Phillies might have a problem at hot corner

Relying on Polanco at third bad move ◗ Frandsen makes costly errors in recent game ◗ Scout blames Phillies' front office ◗ Utley good option?

Kevin Frandsen hurt the Phillies — not once but twice — with plays he didn't make at third base during Sunday's devastating loss to the Braves. The Triple-A call-up, who has been a dynamo at the plate since arriving in late July, let a potential game-ending grounder play him, which led to Chipper Jones' dramatic walk off homer.

Earlier in the game, Frandsen's errant throw to first with two outs taxed Cole Hamels arm. But don't blame Frandsen.

"It's not his fault," a NL scout said. "The Phillies need a third baseman. They gambled that [Placido] Polanco would be able to be able to come back and make an impact this year."

The aging, oft-injured Polanco has been a bust this season.

"The Phillies didn't get proper insurance," the NL scout said. "You need someone to be able to play the position. You win with strong defense."

It's hard to argue since Pedro Feliz played third for the 2008 World Series winners and 2009 NL champion Phillies. Feliz didn't offer a great deal with his bat, but he was a very good defensive third baseman, making a number of big plays and all the small ones.

So if it's best for a natural third baseman to play the position, what about Chase Utley? The longtime second baseman has been fielding ground balls in batting practice at the hot corner.

"That's a lot to ask of a guy who hasn't played the position, who has health issues," the NL scout said. "It would be a good idea for the Phillies to get a guy who has played third base next season, since you know they're going to go for it all next year."

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▶ An NL scout doesn't believe Chase Utley is the right answer to solve the Phillies' problem at third base.

Phils 6, Reds 2

- **Roy Halladay** is looking like his old self again. Yesterday, he held the Reds to one run on eight hits in 7 1/3 innings. It was the sixth time in his last seven starts he has lasted seven frames.
- **The Phils (66-71)** are still alive for that final wild card spot, trailing (entering play last night) by eight games.
- Surprise star **Erik Kratz** continued his torrid hitting, stroking a three-run homer in the second. Prior to that, **Dom Brown** hit a solo shot.

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Temple ready to defend Big East's honor at the Linc

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▶ Temple coach Steve Addazio is getting his team ready for what should be a tough test from Maryland Saturday.

Before even playing its first Big East game, Temple is already feeling added pressure: Upholding its new conference's honor.

But Steve Addazio is confident the Owls can handle it when they take on ACC stalwart Maryland Saturday afternoon at the Linc.

"There's no question going into Week 2 playing a BCS team from the ACC is a challenge for us," said Addazio, who knows his team will be in for a much sterner test than Friday's 41-10 romp over Villanova. "We take a lot of pride as a member of the Big East. Maryland has a talented receiving corps and some dynamic players on defense, so our guys are going to really have to step up and play hard and physical."

They did against 'Nova, as Matt Brown ran for 146 yards on 19 carries for a chunk of Temple's 301 rushing yards. Defensively, Temple had four sacks and forced two turnovers, including Vaughn Carroway's 57-yard TD interception return, but was also victimized by some big plays.

According to Addazio, the adjustments a team makes between its opener and Game 2 is the key to its season.

"I'm a believer that from Week 1 to Week 2 you have to see tremendous improvement from an execution standpoint on both sides of the ball," explained Addazio, whose club crushed the Terps 38-7 last year at Maryland. "We got in a situation against Villanova where we got up and I just wanted to run the ball and burn clock. But I understand we need to be more balanced, call more throws and make them defend the whole field."

The Terps edged William & Mary, 7-6, in their opener behind freshman quarterback Perry Hills.

"We know they have some talented players who are highly motivated," said Addazio. "They're going to come in here and it's going to be a real contest."

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McNabb to join NFL Network as analyst

Former Eagles QB Donovan McNabb will join NFL Network as an analyst on the station's "Playbook" show.

McNabb will be joined on set by Brian Baldinger and Sterling Sharpe. The NFC edition airs Friday at 8 p.m. and the AFC edition airs at 9 p.m. He'll offer his opinions on top plays and help break down film.

As recently as April, when he was in Philadelphia for Brian Dawkins' retirement ceremony, the quarterback said he was still entertaining offers from NFL teams. McNabb seemed on the fence about officially retiring, but that appears to be the next step. Stay tuned to see if and when he retires as an Eagle. METRO

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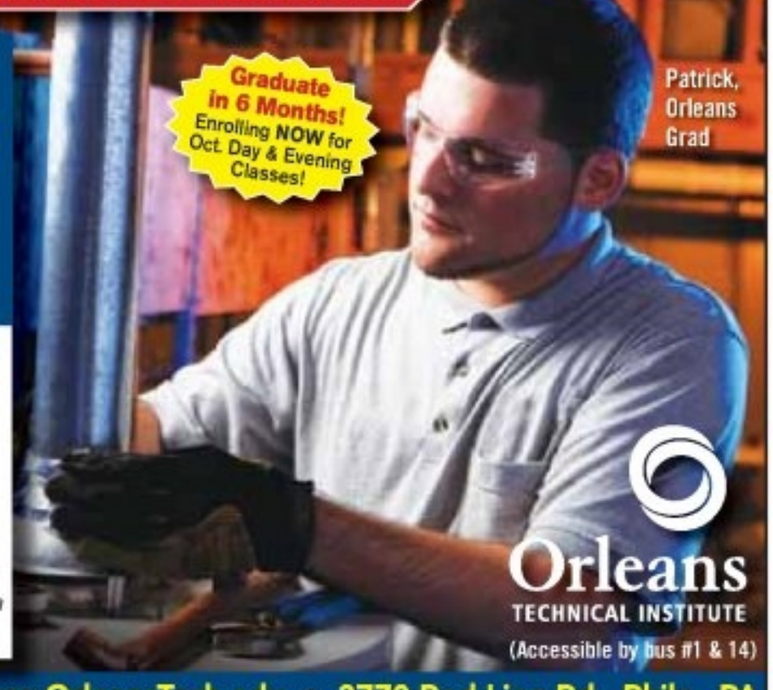
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